

"PUBLIC SENTIMENT IS EVERYTHING"

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# Abraham Lincoln Quotations & Sayings

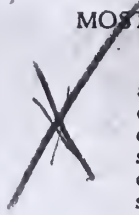
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#### **MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR**



Abraham Lincoln, in the days before public opinion had been analysed by the social psychologists, realized the importance of an informed public to the success of any movement in a democracy. He said: "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail without it, nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public opinion goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to be executed."

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN in first joint debate at Ottawa, Ill., with Stephen A. Douglas, August 21, 1858.



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Next time the President quotes Abraham Lincoln, we hope he will not overlook the rather famous Lincoln statement: "With public opinion, you must succeed; without it, you must fail."

*W. W. R. L. L. L.*  
*Aug. 27, 1941*









